

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a plasma display panel, the plasma display panel including discharge cells, each of the discharge cells formed at an intersection of a scan electrode and a sustain electrode, and a data electrode, the method comprising:

dividing one field period into a plurality of sub-fields, each sub-field having an initializing period, writing period, and sustaining period;

in the initializing periods of the plurality of sub-fields, performing one of all-cell initializing operation and selective initializing operation, wherein, the all-cell initializing operation causes initializing discharge ~~in all the discharge cells for displaying an image~~ by applying a slowly ascending voltage from voltage V_p below discharge starting voltage toward voltage V_r exceeding the discharge starting voltage to the scan electrodes of all discharge cells for displaying an image, and applying a slowly descending voltage from voltage V_g smaller than the voltage V_r to voltage V_a to the scan electrodes and, the selective initializing operation selectively causes initializing discharge only in the discharge cells subjected to sustaining discharge in the preceding sub-field by applying a slowly descending voltage from voltage V_g to voltage V_a to the scan electrodes; and

~~during initializing discharge using the scan electrodes as anodes, and using the sustain electrodes and data electrodes as cathodes, in each of the initializing periods for performing the all-cell initializing operation, applying, to the data electrodes, a voltage for delaying discharge using the data electrodes as the cathodes, after discharge using the sustain electrodes as the cathodes~~ the initializing period of initializing all cells, holding the sustain electrodes at 0 (V) and holding the data electrodes at positive voltage V_x , and causing initializing discharge between the scan electrodes and the sustain electrodes when applying the slowly ascending voltage from

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voltage V_p below discharge starting voltage toward voltage V_r exceeding the discharge starting voltage to the scan electrodes, and holding the sustain electrodes at positive voltage V_h and holding the data electrodes at 0 (V), and causing second initializing discharge between the scan electrodes, the sustain electrodes and the data electrodes when applying the slowly descending voltage from voltage V_g to voltage V_a to the scan electrodes.